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TOALL

The Truely Loyal

COMMONS

OF

ENGLAND,

By a true Lover of his King and Country.

GENTELMEN,

I am not ignorant that whatever comes forth in Print, altho it assert Allegiance to the King, and Obedience to Magistrates, yet now a days it is *Alamode* to Libel it: as I fancy not the sheltring my self under any mans Wings in a matter of this nature, because it signifies in my apprehension a distrust of what is written; which were I Guilty of, I would not come in publick View. So also I decline to Court the Readers with a flattering Epistle for their approbation, it being irrational, yea rediculous, to think that judicious men will be wrought upon by any thing but what convinces their Judgments and Reasons, and not according to mens Fancies and Affections, and he that judges otherwise, is not a competent Judg, neither shall I vallue what such men say. Gentelmen, if you seriously consider what amazing Cirtumstances have of late attended the management of State-Affairs in this our Hemisphear; it must needs be matter of wonder and astonishment; and I will appeal to all sober persons who are not byassed by Interest, or swayed by Passion, whether they believe any History can parallel the impudent Libels and saucy Pamphlers that have lately been exposed to publick View, *Tempora mutantur a principio non fuit ita*, the excellent saying of the renowned Lord Chief-Justice *North*, is truely ve-

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rified, That his Majesty is merciful even to a Miracle, and notwithstanding all the violent Commotions in State-Affairs, how great hath been the Prudence of our Royal Soveraign, who in Concurrence with his honourable Privy-Council in the great interval of the Parliament hath continued us in Peace. How great have been the Clamors of Popery and Arbitrary Government; yet whose Rights and Priviledges have been in the least measure invaded. Gentlemen, I earnestly implore of you, that you will let Reason have its Domination and Rule in you, and suffer not your selves to be misled, nor insinuated by men who pretend Loyalty to the King, and prosperity to the Government, when in reality, Ambition is their only Aim; for no man who is *Compos mentis* can believe that those men who in their Caballs strive to carry on private Designs contrary to the know'n will of their Soveraign, can wish real happiness to his person or good to his Government, but only to become popular. Therefore I do positively aver it is the undoubted Right of our Soveraign to admit whom he pleaseth to be of his Privy-Council and at his pleasure, for Reasons best know'n to himself, to send them a *Quietus est*, and by this he fully understands their Tempers and Inclinations, and in whose Judgments he may faithfully rely; and it is a Duty incumbent upon all, from the highest to the lowest, still to return their Fidelity and Allegiance to the King, and not to murmur nor slighly to insinuate into the people, a misconstruction of their Princes Actions and a mislike of his Government; it was a true saying by a Peer who received eminent and signal Favours from his Prince, that they that fall under the displeasure of their Prince fall gently; God grant it may work a thorow Reformation. It is common among all men to cry long live the King, let not their Actions give their Tongues the Lie. Let them speedily put in practise those things that tend to administer peace to their Soveraigns Mind and tranquility to his Life; and now Gentelmen and fellow-Citizens, I will address my self more particularly unto you: I very well know you are not ignorant of an Address lately presented to my Lord Mayor, wherein the Commons are earnest with my Lord to represent them Loyal to the King, and that they are ready to joyn in the defence of his Royal person and the Protestant Religion against all Attempts and Plots. There are many hundreds of the Commons likewise, who were not present at the delivery of that Address, who desire that those Gentelmen that were, will be pleased in a second Address to my Lord Mayor, desire him to acquaint his Majesty of their readiness to joyn with those Gentlemen that were not there, in the defence of his Majesties Royal person, and the *Protestant*

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Religion eſtabliſhed by Law, without any Alteration either in Church or State; and that the Parliament may Convene when his Majeſty ſhall judg it moſt convenient for his own benefit and the Nations welfare; and that then all Animoſities and Diſtinction of Parties by Names may be obliterated, and that we may all ſtrive to exceed each other in our fearing God and honouring the King; then may we expect Peace and plenty to cohabit amongſt us, which that it may *faxit ♈.ni.* I ſhall take the freedome to reaſſume the Addreſs, it were well if thoſe worthy Citizens who delivered the Addreſs, would acquaint their fellow Citizens particularly with the Names of the perſons who miſrepreſented us to the King, that innocent perſons might not be in the Catalogue of indiſcreet informers: I could heartily wiſh (my dear fellow-Citizens) that thoſe perſons whoſe inclinations have in them a propenſity to Paſſion and Ambition would permit of Reaſon to bear ſway, and that they would ſeriouſly conſider of the ſpeech lately ſpoken by our preſent Loyal Lord Mayor; who therein declares, that he calls God to witneſs he never did miſrepreſent the Citizens to his Majeſty, nor he does not eaſily believe any would. Were there but a candid Conſtruction put on mens Actions, and that men could not credit every idle and impertinent Story, there would then be no room left for Jealouſies and Animoſities amongſt us. O I do poſitively aver, never any Magiſtrate ſerved his Majeſty more faithfully, nor the City more honeſtly than our preſent Magiſtrate conſidering the preſent circumſtances that we lie under, and it is very plain he is not eaſily inſinuated and wheedled by the little Artifices of hot headed and turbulent men. It is well known he has a plentiful Eſtate, and therefore he does not covet Ambition, but makes it his greateſt Care to ſerve his King and Country, and that which many men ſtrive to attain, *per fas & nefas*, he is inveſted with power in himſelf, to wit, to be a Member of Parliament. It is to be hoped that our noble Senators at their Convention, being very ſenſible of the Deſigns and Caballs of Men of Republican Spirits in this long Enterval, will fruſtrate them, and will by a unanimous concurrence amongſt themſelves follow the Examples of their Anceſtors, and ſupply his Majeſty frankly; and by this means they will endear his Majeſty to his Subjects, and his Subjects to him: whoever they are that are of contrary Opinion, their diſcent is not from the Reſult of a deliberated Judgment, or a well regulated Reaſon, but upon the ſcore of ſelf-Intereſt; or elſe they are ſuch who thorow inadvertencie or ſecular advantage, have been formerly concerned in Lands belonging either to Church or State; and it is evident what the

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Designs of such Men are, and what they aim at; witness some Wills which have been lately made, wherein after they had bequeathed great part of their Estates, they are pleased to insert in order to the Lands formerly in their possession. If Providence shall order a return they bequeath it for such and such Uses. It is very obvious to considering men, they have a mind to be fishing with the old Bait; but from Men of such Principles, *Libra nos Domine*, and I think it is very serpicuous to all sober good men, that some Citizens amongst us, who were very Zealous for the Convention of the Parliament, their Zeal was not out of publick good either to the King or people; but for advantage to themselves; and to be accounted great in the esteem of the Vulgar; and yet these are the Men who are very fierce against worshiping of *Jeroboams* Calves, either at *Dan* or *Bethel*, yet account it not Idolatry to be Idolized themselves. For had they not been half witted, they must needs have remembred what his Majesty had formerly declared, that it was his Resolution to continue the Parliament by short Prorogations, not resolving their Sitting til *November*, unless Affairs from abroad occasioned him to appoint their sooner Convention. I do believe there is no rational Man but is of Opinion it is the Subjects Right to Petition their Prince, but to Petition for that which his Majesty had resolved should be, looks as if they doubted of his Majesties performance; and none but men of shallow principles would entertain such Notions. It is very well known there are some persons amongst us of Antimonarchial Principles, who are for modelling of Government according to several Chimeras in their Brains, and they are waspish and angry because they are not admitted to understand the *Arcana Imperii*, but if they please to go to *Jerico* till their Beards are grown, or they grown wiser, it is very probable if his Majesty hath occasion to use them, he will give them timely notice; or they should do well to converse with their Grammar again, and put in practise that excellent Rule, *Sorte tua contentus abi*, it is very likely, that Midsummer Moon being past they may be reduced again to their right temperament of mind: There is one thing worthy of the inspection into by our Senators, which is the Licentiousness of the Press, which hath greatly occasioned our Domestick jars: I could heartily wish, that many of those Gentlemen who discent from the Church of *England*, not in Fundamentals but in Circumstantials, would not allow nor manifest their approbation to many of those pernicious and lying Pamphlets which reflect on his Majesty and his Government, would they but openly in Print declare their dislike and detestation of them, it would greatly demonstrate to the King of their true Loyalty to his Person, and submissiveness to his Government: It is our Coffe-Houses those Posts of the Nation, that occasion much Contention amongst us, there Lies are minted, and boldly asserted by many impudent beggarly Coxcombs, and many grave Fops give as much Credit to them as they do to their Creed: would men mind their Shops and frequent these Houses less, there would be more Love and less Contention amongst us. Hither it is in Parliament time that the Petty-fogging Solicitors, and the Excrementious Giste-pipes, with many other Impudent Fellows resort to hear what News, and to Censure the Actions of our Grave Senators, and Cavil at whatsoever pleases not their Humors. It is to be hoped our Senators will take Cognizance of many things worthy of their speedy and serious Consideration in this long Interval, and will be happy Instruments of settling this our distracted Nation, in Peace and quietness, what an happy Sight will it be to see the King and his People Accord, a threefold Cord is not easily broken. I hope God will still preserve his Anointed, our gracious King, this present Parliament, and all his Loyal Subjects, from all dangers whatsoever, for *Si Deus nob scum quis contra nos.*

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